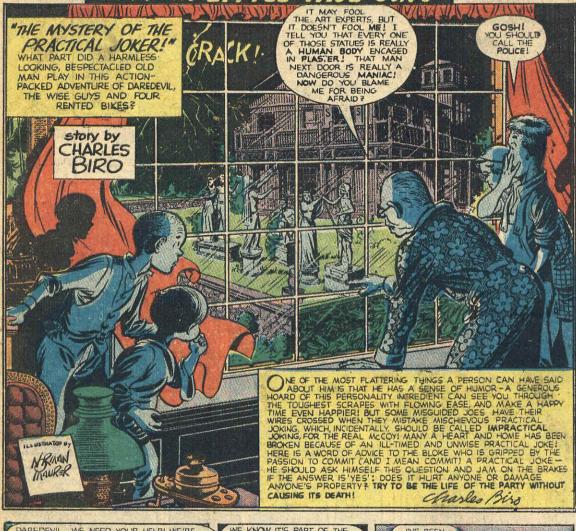


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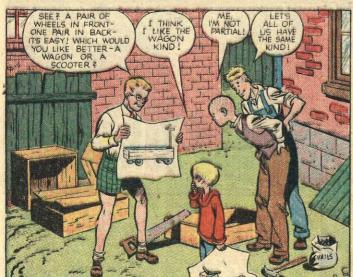
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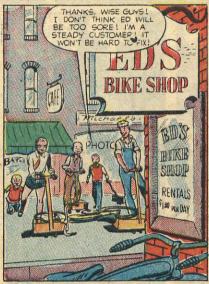
















































































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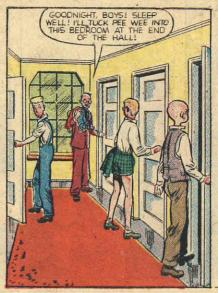


















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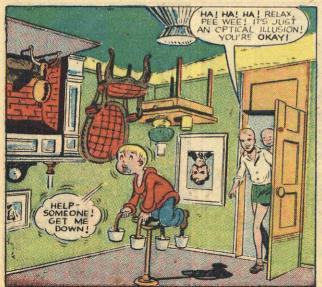
















































































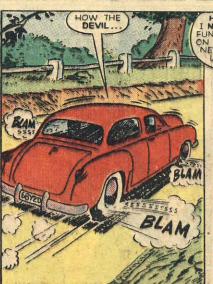




























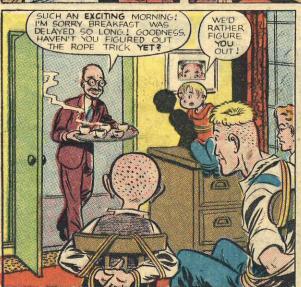






















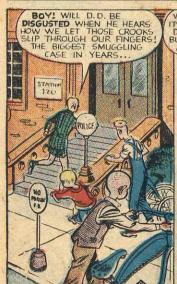


































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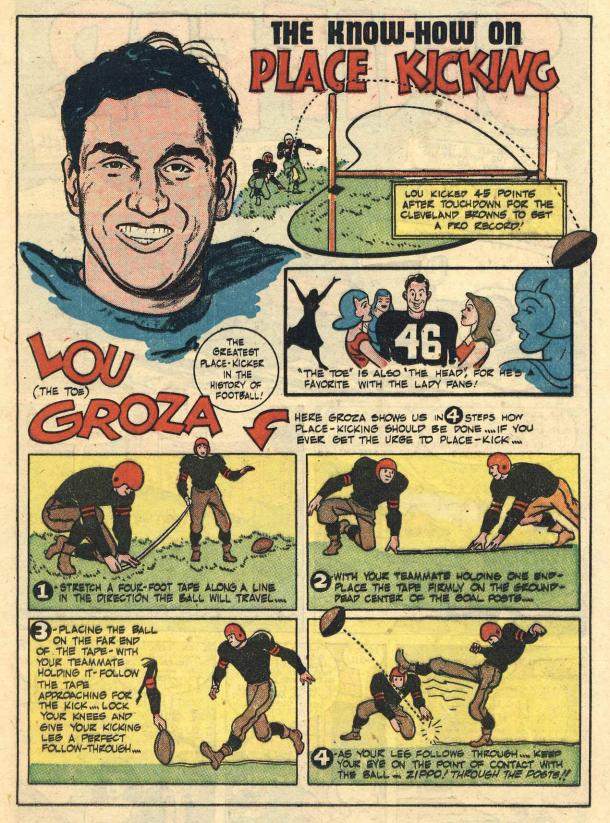
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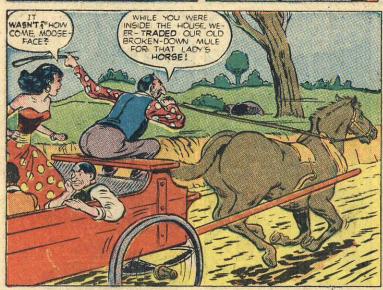












































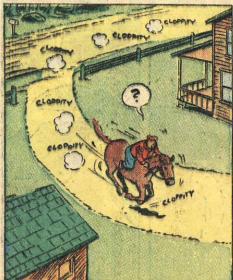
























































# THE CRIMEBUSTER CLUB'S FIRST CASE!

DON'T know whether that Crimebuster Club of yours at Central High was such a good idea, C.B.," said District Attorney Loover, giving him an exasperated look. "Those kids have caused us more embarrassment in the last twenty-four hours than all the rest of the city put together."

C.B.'s smile of greeting faded into puzzlement as he came to the defense of the group of boys he liked so well. "They're a great bunch of kids, Loover, and you know that as well as I do."

"Sure they are," agreed Loover, "and you needn't look at me as though I were a monster. The point is that, swell as they are, they're too young and too imaginative to be acting as though they were detectives. Crime prevention is all very well, but just because they managed to help us find the thieves who broke into the school bank last year doesn't mean that they're qualified to come down here demanding the arrest of an innocent man-a man who devotes his spare time to helping wayward boys, I might add!" Loover stamped out his cigarette in irritation, then made a lunge for the ash tray as it clattered to the floor. Squeeks promptly swung down from C.B.'s shoulder, picked up one of the cigarette butts, and began to strut around the room, imitating Loover's quick puffs and shorttempered stride. The tension in the room broke. C.B. and Loover both burst into laughter.

C.B. swung Squeeks back onto his shoulder and settled into a chair. "Let's back up a bit. Tell me what happened, and maybe we can straighten it out."

"Well, yesterday two of the boys – Jimmy Lockhart and Dave Dett, I believe – came into my office to announce they had spotted a genuine, honest-to-Pete, bona fide crook. And right in Central High, too. To prove it they had an old post office "Wanted" poster, and a lot of small talk that added up to nothing."

C.B. looked at Loover quizzically. "That certainly can't be enough to make you this mad, can it? To be sure, they're a little over-enthusiastic sometimes, but that's all to the good."

"It is not!" Loover half rose to his feet and pounded the table. "Especially when it involved that new chemistry teacher, Mr. Ginn. And

that's not all! He's related to one of the most prominent families in town." Loover slumped back in his chair. "I should have had better sense, but the kids were so all-fired insistent that I made some inquiries about Mr. Ginn, and he found out about it. He blew up to the Mayor, and now the Mayor's breathing fire down our necks for helping some kids with their flights of fancy!"

"He really must have blistered you to make you this upset!" said C.B. "Let me go out there and talk to the kids. They may have caused you some trouble, but they certainly didn't mean it. And I don't want them to get the feeling that the police aren't interested in helping them with the prevention of crime."

"They aren't - not when it causes this much trouble!" said Loover. "And furthermore, tell them the police have one or two other fish to fry that might add up to more than needlessly embarrassing a leading citizen."

C.B. left Loover sputtering with irritation. That afternoon, after school closed, he wandered into the baseball lot next to Central High. The boys stopped their game and came swarming over. "Hey, kids! Here's C.B. and Squeeks. Let's tell him about what we discovered. Maybe he'll believe us!"

"Hi, Jimmy! Hi, Dave! How's everything going?" C.B. sat down on the grass and the boys gathered around him. "And what's this I hear about you uncovering a criminal?"

"Nobody will pay any attention to us," said Jimmy despondently.

"But I didn't say I wouldn't," said C.B. "What's on your mind?"

A babble of voices broke out. "Wait a minute!" laughed C.B. "One at a time. Here, Jimmy, tell me what you know first."

"Well, I guess it isn't really much, after all," confessed Jimmy. "But this Mr. Ginn—he's the science teacher—is not really named Ginn at all! He's Carl Tomax, and he's wanted for peddling dope an'—an' for confidence rackets—an' for lots of things. An' he almost killed a guy when they tried to arrest him a couple of years ago. See, it's all on this poster! An' then he escaped—an'—an' somehow he turned into a teacher here. I

don't know how or why, but I know he's the same one. I just know it!"

C.B. smiled at Jimmy, then at the other boys gathered around. "Slow down a minute. What about all the fine work I hear he's doing with that gang of kids that caused so much trouble here last year. Didn't he organize them into a group called the Copernicus Club?"

"Copernicus, schmernicus!" spluttered Dave.
"Those kids are worse than they ever were.
They're not busting street lights and breaking into stores the way they did before, but they've got more money than they've ever had before—and they darn sure didn't work for it!"

"That does sound peculiar, Dave!" said C.B.
"It sounds as though it might be worth paying a call on this Mr. Ginn—or Tomax. Do you think he'll still be at the school?"

"Sure," said Jimmy, "he always hangs around with that gang until about 4:30."

"Okay, kids! Wait here for me. I'll be back in a minute." C.B. put Squeeks on his shoulder and walked over to the school.

The corridors were dark and vacant, except for the janitors sweeping up the floors. C.B. found his way to the Science Department and looked through the glass door into the laboratory. There, huddled over one of the laboratory tables with a group of four arrogant-mannered and sharply dressed young boys, was Mr. Ginn. C.B. watched them in silence for a few minutes. Then, when one of the boys noticed him, he turned the handle and walked in. Squeeks took one look at the vials and test tubes, bunsen burners and scales, and gave a yip of delight. This was a wonderful room, he thought, and he skipped onto the bench and clambered over the shelves.

"Squeeks! Come back here!" shouted C.B.
"I'm sorry, Mr. Ginn. He does get a little out
of control now and then. Come here, Squeeks."

"That's all right. He can't hurt anything unless he gets near the glassware," said Mr. Ginn, coming forward with a smile. "You're C.B., aren't you? I'm glad to have you visit us. You must have heard of the fine work the Copernicus Club has been doing. These boys are some of the members."

C.B. shook hands with each boy as he was introduced, then sat down on one of the tall stools.

"I just thought I'd drop in and see what you were up to," said C.B. "I have heard a good bit about it and thought it was time to meet you. As a matter of fact, I'd like to have a little talk with you, if you have a minute to spare. Perhaps these boys have a project to work on while we discuss the program you've developed here."

"You boys run along," said Mr. Ginn, "and

we'll meet again tomorrow night. Oh, Lefty, you left your magnesium powder on the table. Don't forget to take it along." Lefty reached for the packet just as Squeeks spotted it—and the monkey beat him to it. He looped it in his tail and streaked for the high shelves.

"Hey, stop that, you dirty..." Both Ginn and Lefty grabbed for Squeeks, but he was already tearing at the packet with eager paws. He took one sniff of the powder inside and promptly dropped the packet — that stuff certainly wasn't to his liking! Both Lefty and Ginn cracked skulls in their rush to pick it up, then Lefty pocketed it and started out of the room with the others. Ginn looked red and flustered as he led C.B. into his office.

"They're really turning into fine boys, C.B.," said Ginn, as he settled down in his chair. "They've changed remarkably in the past year. The small amount of time I've been able to donate seems to have turned them into hardworking, earnest boys. Why, every one of them is helping to support himself!"

"I wouldn't be at all surprised," said C.B. "and in a style to which they're scarcely accustomed, Mr. Tomax!"

"To . . . ! What in . . . !" The teacher half rose in his chair, glared at C.B., then realized he had betrayed himself. "I haven't been called that in years! It was a—a nick-name—in college, you know. I'm surprised you had heard it. You didn't happen to attend the State University, did you?"

"No, I didn't," said C.B., "but I do happen to have access to the F.B.I. files—and I can recognize cocaine when I see it! Being related to one of the town's most prominent citizens, no doubt was the reason you received your position here, but that's not going to influence the law one way or another when they find you've been peddling dope through this so-called Copernicus Club of yours!"

"You're lying!" screamed Tomax. "Maybe 1 did get into a scrape once, but I'm going straight now! You're persecuting me and those boys!"

"Straight as a snake in the grass, you mean!" said C.B. "I think it would be a good idea if you came on down to headquarters with me."

"I will not!" Tomax gave a terrific heave and sent the desk toppling over on C.B., who was seated in a low thair on the other side. C.B. leaped to one side, but his cloak was caught in the crash and he was temporarily pinned to the chair. Tomax raced for the door, and by the time C.B. had freed himself, he was already out of sight.

C.B. tore through the laboratory, cursing himself for having been caught unawares. The corridor beyond was empty, but as he neared the stairs, he heard several shouts and a tremendous crash. Looking down he saw Tomax spreadeagled on the floor, with Jimmy Lockhart and Dave Dett triumphantly perched on top of him.

"I guess they'll believe us now, won't they, C.B.?" hollered Jimmy.

"Wow-eee! Look what we caught!" cried Dave. "We followed you up there because we knew that every agent ought to have his look-outs. Then when he came bursting out, we ran after him and tackled him on the staircase!"

"Good work, boys!" said C.B. as he and Squeeks came down the stairs to help them. "I guess this is one time when District Attorney Loover—and the School Board—will have to eat humble pie."

After Tomax had been questioned and then locked up, C.B. and Loover took Jimmy and

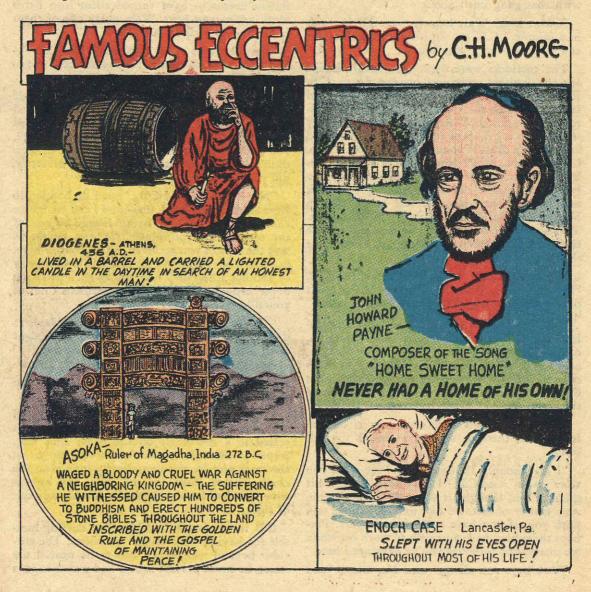
Dave into the District Attorney's office.

"Well, boys," said Loover, "I guess I'll have to join your Crimebuster Club and learn a few more pointers about my job. If you'll make me an honorary member, I'll see what I can do about having you made official junior detectives! How about it?"

"Oh, boy! Real detectives!" shouted the boys, "We'll really be able to help now!"

"And that's not all, boys!" Loover picked up the torm poster from the desk and pointed to the bottom line. "Don't forget this—'\$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Carl Tomax.' That ought to pay the bill on some pretty good club equipment for you. There may be juvenile delinquents in the rest of the town, but I know I can count on the cleanest record in the city at Central High!"

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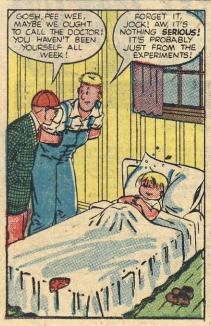
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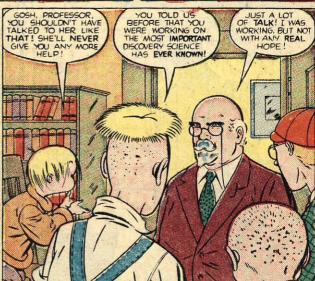






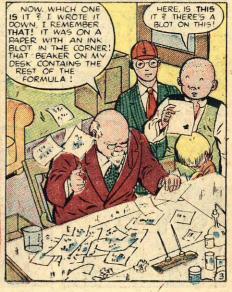




















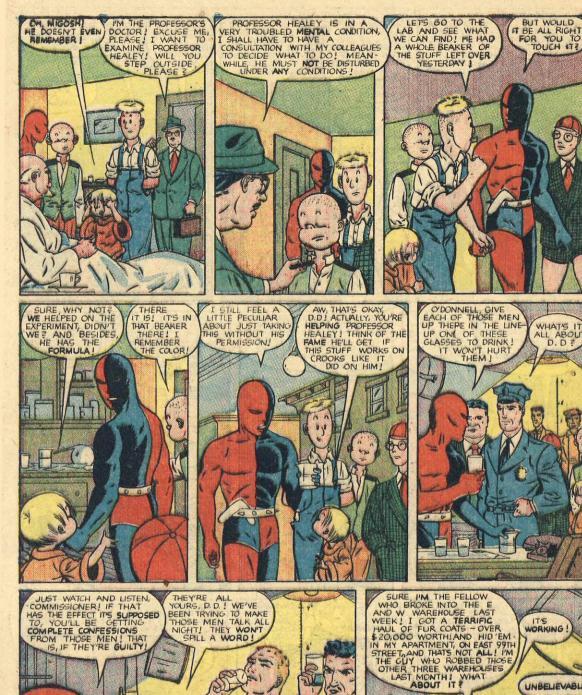












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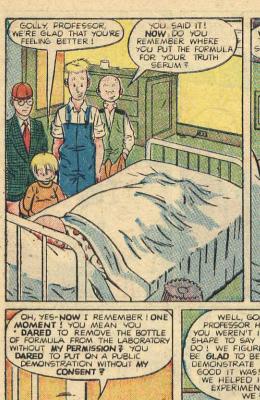






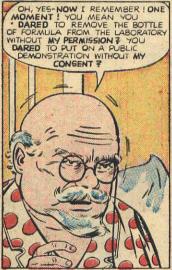


























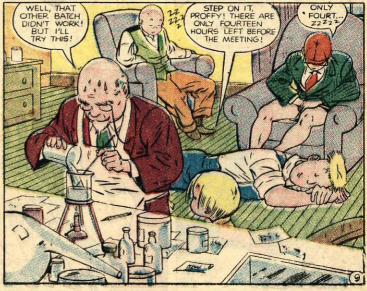


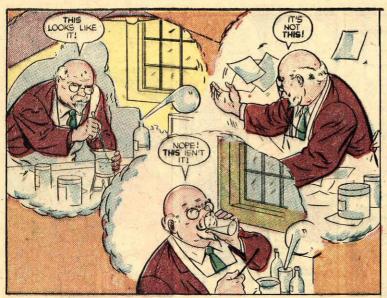
























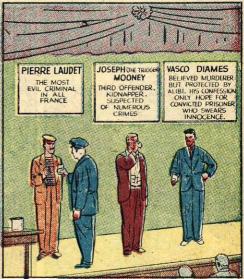
































#### THIS IS YOUR PAGE

#### WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Dear Reader:

In every issue of DAREDEVIL COMICS this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas, and suggestions. Since the conception of DAREDEVIL COMICS, we have been guided by two ideals—first, the eradication of crime, and second, to give credit to the fearless detectives and officers of the law who daily risk their lives that you and we may live in a more lawful society.

CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

I have always liked to read DAREDEVIL because the stories are so realistic and exciting. The Wise Guys are just like any normal youngsters: they have fun, they are mischievous, and they make mistakes, but they also bring happiness to all. DAREDEVIL #48 contains my favorite DAREDEVIL story, but then I love to read every issue. Keep up the good work.

Janet Ingram 2839 The Mall Dallas, Texas

I work in a candy store, where I take care of the newsstand. I sell many different kinds of magazines, but as soon as any of your books come in, especially DAREDEVIL, we are mobbed with customers. I read all your books myself, and they are just as popular with everyone else as they are with me.

Sue Tardall 53 Beacon Ct. Brooklyn 29, N. Y.

On behalf of my family and myself, I want to congratulate you for publishing such a grand magazine as DAREDEVIL. It's popular everywhere: at school we have a complete file of it, and our newsstand dealer reports that it is sold out soon after he gets it in. I grew up with DAREDEVIL and BOY comics, and think that you are doing a splendid job.

Donald Trippett Bridgeport, W. Va.

About a year ago I went around with a tough gang of boys, and we all were caught when we robbed a downtown store. I was sent to the juvenile home for six months, and at the home they had some of your fine magazines. I had planned to get revenge on the world after I got out, but my reading of DAREDEVIL convinced me that I ought to go straight. My thanks to you, Charles Biro and Bob Wood. DAREDEVIL is a wonderful guide for kids like me.

M. K. Pontiac, Mich. I am a regular reader of DAREDEVIL, and think it is tops. I found No. 53 especially interesting, because my friends and I were also looking for a place for our clubhouse, and this issue gave us an idea of what we are going to do. The true-to-life stories by Charles Biro are really wonderful, and may I compliment him on them and hope for many more.

Antonio Balibrea Legaspi City Philippine Islands

Your story of Pee Wee and his prehistoric bear inspired me to write this letter. I have always been an animal-lover, and believe that every living thing has the right to live. The idea that Pee Wee represents shows that people with love and kindness in their hearts are always ahead of those who have no love for anything. This story is great, and could be true in every respect in our American way of life.

Solomon Ly 918 Grant Ave. San Francisco 8, Calif.

You have a great magazine in DAREDEVIL, but I think you made a little mistake in your "Aero-Quiz" in issue No. 54. The question reads: "If you were about to take off, what sort of wind would you prefer?" For the answer you have "B," or "Tail Wind." Ever since I've known anything about airplanes, I have always been told to take off into the wind. I just thought I'd write and correct this error, although you probably have received a lot of letters about it. I really like Daredevil and the little Wise Guys, as do all the other fellows here in the squadron.

Jack Rollins AN Utility Squadron N.A.A.S. Corry Field Pensacola, Fla.

(Editors Note: DAREDEVIL'S editors were up in the air before we even took off. Our thanks and apologies to alert Airman Rollins and all the other readers who wrote in to correct the letterer's error.)

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#### BLACKHEADS "PET HATE"

#### Say Men. Girls in Choosing Date

What a "black mark" is the blackhead . . . according to men and girls popular enough to be choosy about dates!

"Nobody's dreamboat !" "Nobody's date bait!" And that's not all that's said of those who are careless about blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good in close-ups !

So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's good nightin

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads."If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too 130

But you - are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are . and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them . . . if they want to!

#### "He-Man" Often Guilty of Blackhead Crime

Take your "he-man" super at track, games, sports of all kinds . ' who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all admire his muscles!

Sure they would! But not many dance Sure they would! But not many dance floors are set up for hurdle races! You can't show off your snappy left hook when only cokes are in the ring. The "he-man" who's also clean-cut. will get the breaks wherever he is

#### **Even Cute Girls Become Careless**

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

#### TAKE THESE TIPS TO BANISH BLACKHEADS

Keep skin clean by washing morning and night with warm, almost hot, water. Use good soap and plenty of it. And finish with cool water.

Extract every blackhead as soon as you see it—with a SAFE extractor. Don't use finger nails. Don't squeeze That may mean infection,

injured tissues, a marred skin.

Just be clean! Be quick! And be safe! That's easy! And that's ALL!



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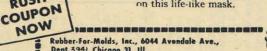
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